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Applicant: Gilles Jourdin ) PATENT APPLICATION  
Serial No.: 10/057,406 ) VAL01599P00251US  
Filed: January 23, 2002 ) Group Art Unit: 3727  
For: DEVICE FOR FASTENING A ) Confirmation No.: 1614  
DISTRIBUTION COMPONENT )  
ON A VESSEL NECK )  
Examiner: James N. Smalley )

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Also enclosed is a copy of the three-page Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal form that was filed on February 9, 2004 and which, on page 4, sets forth the applicant's correspondence address with the law firm name at the top.

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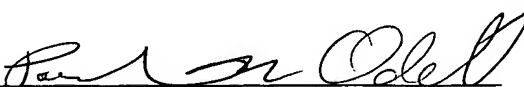
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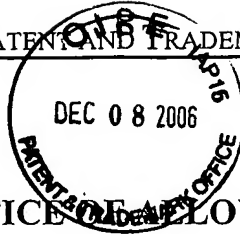
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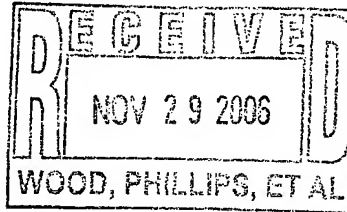
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10/057,406	01/23/2002	Gilles Jourdin	VAL1599P0251US	1614

TITLE OF INVENTION: DEVICE FOR FASTENING A DISTRIBUTION COMPONENT ON A VESSEL NECK

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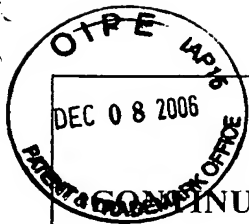
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**REQUEST FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective May 29, 2000,  
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant  
application filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number:	10/057,406
Filing Date:	January 23, 2002
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Group Art Unit:	3727
Examiner Name:	James N. Smalley
Attorney Docket No.	VAL1599P0251US

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR §1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously-filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

- a. ☐ Previously submitted:
- i. ☐ Consider the Amendment(s)/Reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_. If a final Office Action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office Action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- iii. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed:
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement
- iv. ☒ Other: Response Transmittal Letter

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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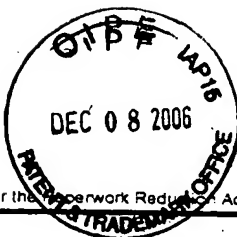
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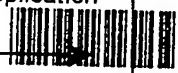
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